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And then if we don't need the revenue that's in Senator Brashear's package, we can draw it back from Final Reading. We've done it a million times, especially in critical situations, and shaped it to the size that we need for our package. So that if LB 407 is not significantly cut further, we can leave it the way it is and vote on it, vote on LB 759 on Final Reading, or if LB 407 is reduced by \$10 million we can come back and have a specific amendment on Final Reading to Senator Brashear's bill that would reduce the revenue package by \$10 million. So what Senator Bourne is asking for is there. It's just a matter of how you want to view the different stages of debate.

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR BEUTLER: But we're getting so close to the end, I think we should put things in position as best we can and use the most simple process, and I think that would be to advance LB 759 in the form that reflects what we've done to the appropriations package so far and then scale it back if we...if we need to. That would at least be one logical approach. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Beutler. (Visitors introduced.) On with discussion of the Preister amendment, Senator Dwite Pedersen.

SENATOR Dw. PEDERSEN: Thank you, Mr. President. Members of the Legislature, as I've heard a couple of you speak, Senator Bourne, I...you might remember about a week ago or a week and a half ago, time passes so fast the last few weeks here, but I mentioned something about I thought we should be handling the appropriations before we do the revenue and was somewhat chastised for that. But things have gone a lot further than that. I go back to that, what Senator Bourne said. I respectfully disagree with Senator Beutler, because I don't know when we get it...if we pass this on to Final Reading, I know we could bring it back easily, but we're going to have to debate each and every one of these individual issues again on an individual basis, and that's going to be time consuming. As far as automobiles go, I heard Senator Engel say about an older car you pay less taxes, and that's true on an older car. And then